



Local Agency Formation Commission
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TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: *Comprehensive Study of Fire Protection Services (Action)*

The Commission will receive a supplemental report as part of its municipal service review of fire protection services in Napa County. The supplemental report includes final written determinations that address the nine service factors the Commission is required to consider as part of its service review mandate. These determinations are being presented to the Commission for consideration as part of a separate draft resolution under California Government Code §56430.

In 2001, California Government Code was amended as part of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 to require Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) to review and update, as necessary, each local agency's sphere of influence every five years. This legislation also requires that LAFCOs conduct municipal service reviews in conjunction with the sphere reviews of local agencies to determine the adequacy of the governmental services that are being provided in the region. The collective purpose of these reviews is to inform and guide LAFCOs in their legislative mandate to plan and coordinate the orderly development of local agencies in a manner that provides for the present and future needs of the community.

Discussion

In August 2005, LAFCO of Napa County initiated its *Comprehensive Study of Fire Protection Services*. The initial phase of the study was prepared by P&D Consultants and consisted of a municipal service review report cataloging and evaluating the development, organization, and services of the five local agencies responsible for providing fire protection in Napa County. Following a public review period, a final report was presented to the Commission at its December 4, 2006 meeting to receive and file.

Drawing from the report by P&D Consultants, staff has prepared the next phase of the study, which is the development of written determinations. These determinations make statements that address the nine service factors the Commission is required to consider as part of its service review mandate. The determinations were presented in draft-form at

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the Commission's December 4th meeting and then circulated to the each of the five affected local agencies and interested parties for review and comment. Comments were received from the City of Calistoga and are summarized as part of an attached memorandum. No substantive changes have been made to the determinations. A draft resolution adopting the final determinations is also attached and offered for the Commission's consideration and approval. The adoption of the resolution would complete the service review portion of the study.

Recommendation

It is recommended for the Commission to take the following actions:

1. Receive and file the attached supplemental report that has been prepared as part of the *Comprehensive Study of Fire Protection Services*; and
2. Approve the form for the attached resolution with any desired changes that make statements with respect to fire protection services in Napa County pursuant to California Government Code §56430.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

- 1) *Comprehensive Study of Fire Protection Services* - Supplement Report: Final Written Determinations
- 2) *Comprehensive Study of Fire Protection Services* – Draft Resolution
- 3) Memorandum: Comments from the City of Calistoga